

Middle/Senior High School Period Attendance User Guide eSIS v 10.1 Version 1

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Overview

Taking attendance is a daily function all schools must perform within the school environment. It generates truancy reports for the District of Columbia Public School System and the individual DCPS schools, as well as keeps track of the student attendance record.

Objectives

Upon completion of this session, participants should be able to:

- Successfully access the Attendance Module of DCSTARS
- Enter Period Attendance in the Class Entry Screen
- Enter whole day and multi-day absences
- Complete Period Attendance in the Mass Entry Screen
- Successfully access and view Student Absences
- Generate individual Student Absence reports

Participant Prerequisites

The participants of this class should have successfully completed the following training classes:

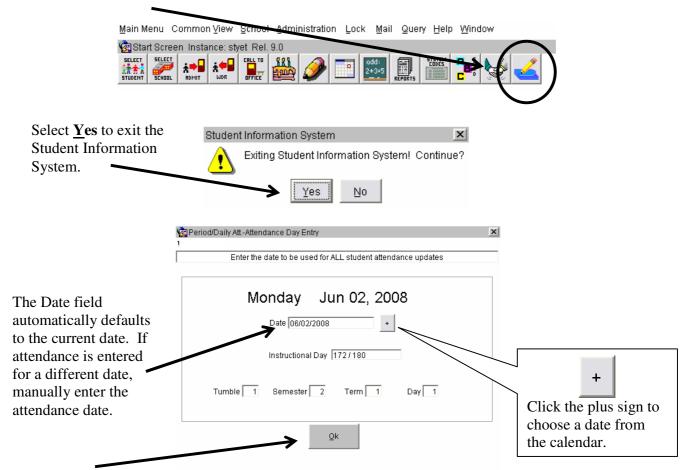
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Accessing the Attendance Module

From the DCSTARS start screen, the user is able to begin documenting students' attendance by entering the Attendance Module.

Select the Attendance icon on the DCSTARS toolbar.



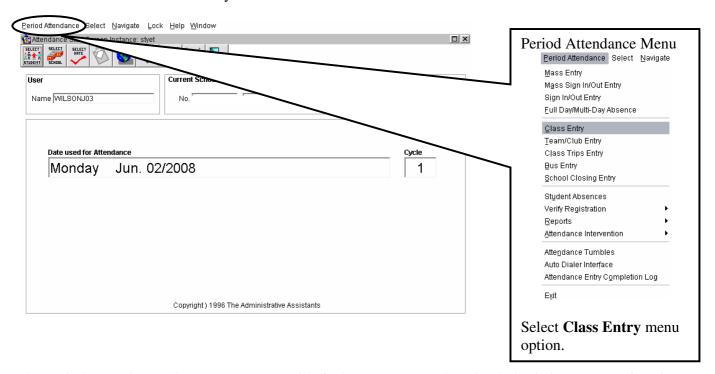
Click Ok after the correct date is selected.

The Period Attendance Start Screen will display.

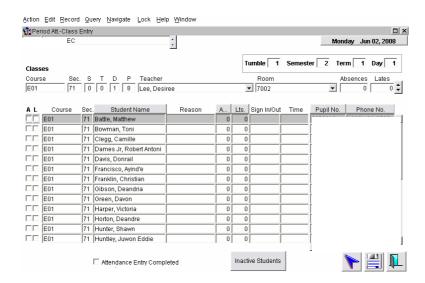


1) Period Attendance Class Entry Screen

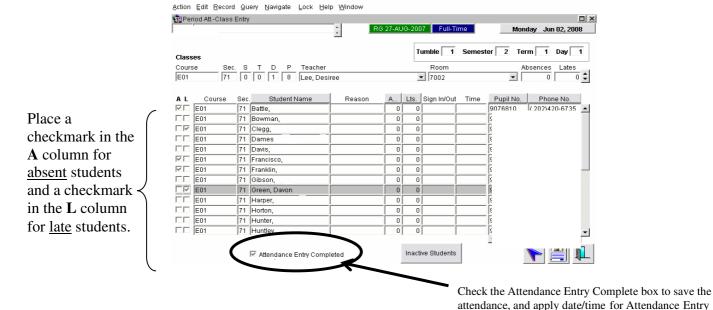
Period Attendance Class Entry Screen is used to mark students absent from class.



The Period Attendance Class Entry Screen will display. Query to select the desired class (F7, F8 functions).



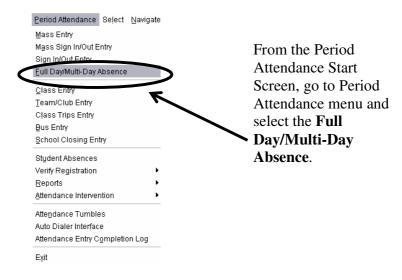




Note: The Reason field cannot be updated on the Class Entry screen. The field will display after entry in the Mass Entry screen.

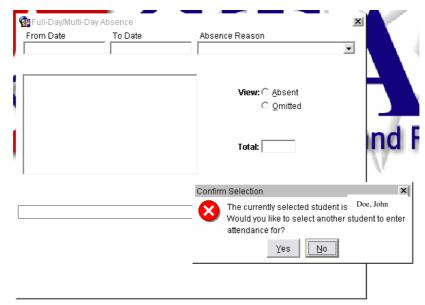
2) Full Day/Multi-Day Absence

Full Day/Multi-Day Absence screen may be used to enter a single day or multiple days of student absences.





When accessing the Full-Day/Multi-Day Absence screen, the last student previously queried on another screen is automatically defaulted to this screen.

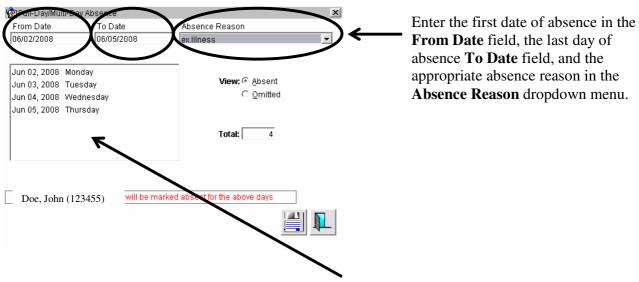


Click **Yes** to choose another student, and **No** to select the current student.

Please Note: If the user selects YES, query a student from the Select Pupil window (F7, F8 functions). Click the **Select** button to choose the student.





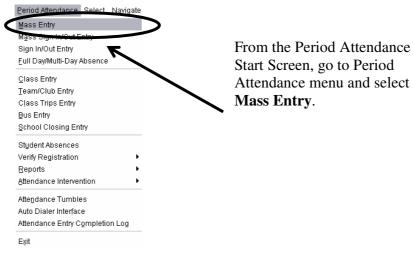


The number of days the student is marked absent will appear and the student's detail record will reflect an absence for each class period.

Select the **Save** button to store your information

3) Period Attendance Mass Entry Screen

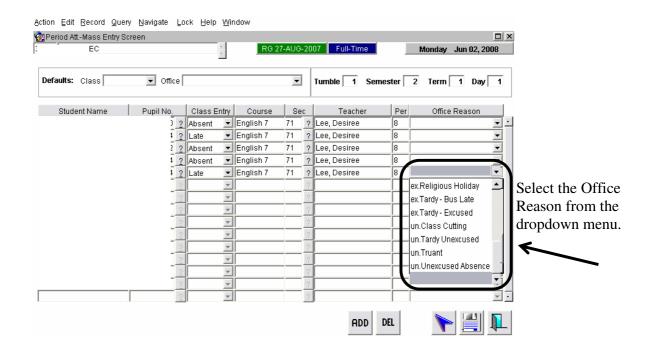
The Period Attendance Mass Entry Screen is a repository of all attendance records entered for a given day. The user is able to enter absence and tardy reasons for each class in this screen.





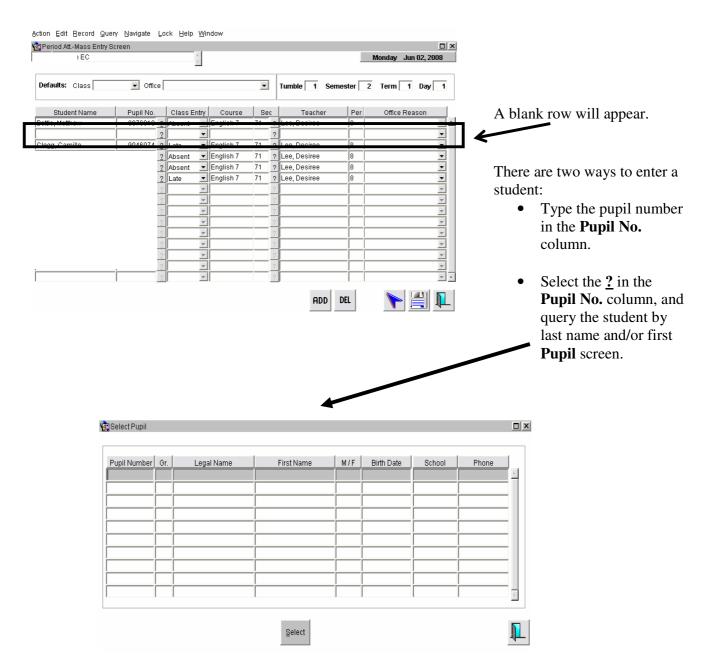
The Period Attendance Mass Entry Screen will display. All of the absent and late records entered in the Class Entry and Full-Day/Multi-Day Absences are viewed in the Mass Entry screen.

The Mass Entry screen should be used for entering and updating absence reasons.



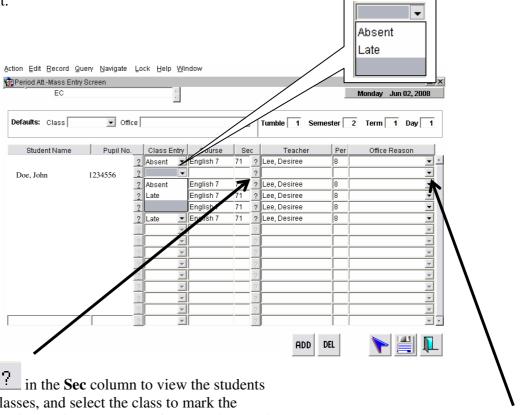
The office reason must be entered or changed for each period absence. Each row represents one class period. To enter a new class period attendance, click the Add button ADD.



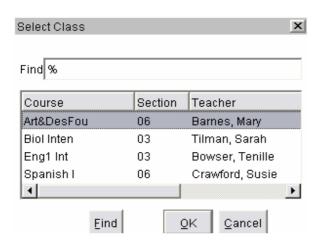




Once the student is listed, select the dropdown in the Class Entry column and select either **Absent** or **Late** for the student.



Click the in the **Sec** column to view the students scheduled classes, and select the class to mark the student absent/late. The Course, Section, Teacher, and Period fields will automatically populate.



Select the Office Reason from the dropdown.

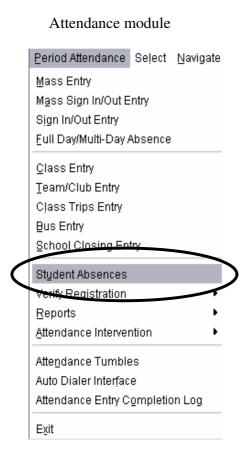
If the Office Reason is unknown, the absence may be created without a value until a reason is identified.



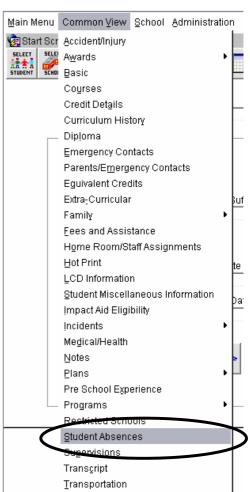
4) Student Absences Screen

Individual student absence data may be viewed from either:

OR



Common View menu on the DCSTARS Start Screen



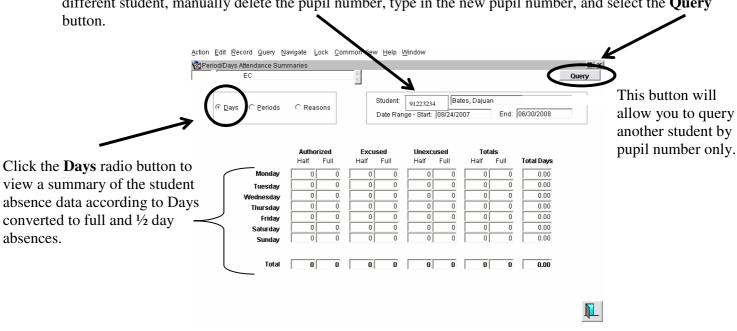


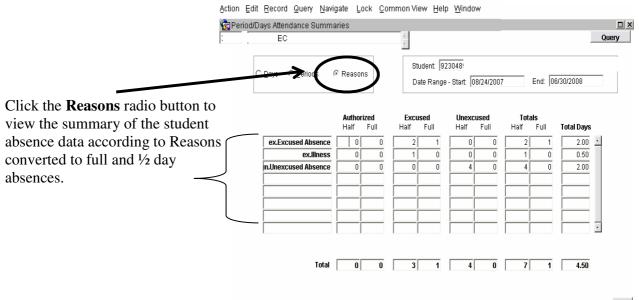
The student absences shows a list of all class periods for which a student has been marked absent or late along with the Office Reason assigned to the absence.





The F7, F8 query functions will not operate in this screen. However, if the user desires to view a different student, manually delete the pupil number, type in the new pupil number, and select the **Query** button





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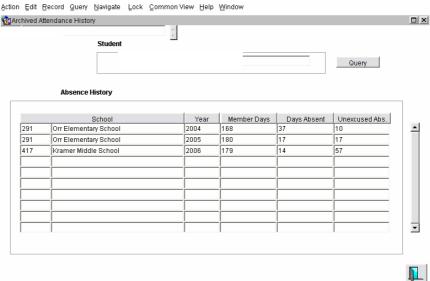
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From the **Period Attendance** – **Student Absences** screen, select the Attendance History button

Attendance History . This allows the user to view the students archived attendance history from previous years, including every school attended in the District of Columbia Public School System.





The Modify Absence button allows the user with proper authority to make changes to a student's current year attendance records.

Printing Attendance Summary

To print the students Attendance Summary, select the Hot Print button from the Period Attendance-Student Absences screen.

